

REMARKS

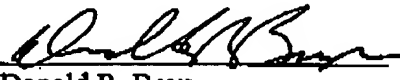
The present amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed in the above-referenced case on February 27, 2004. Claims 1-20 are presented for examination. The Examiner has properly rejected all of the claims under the judicially-created doctrine of double patenting, and has further rejected all of the claims on the merits, again using the smoke-and-mirrors method of quoting the applicant's claim language in the action as though it is found in the references, when it clearly is not.

In response the applicant has canceled claims 1-20 and has added new claims 21-34 for examination, the new claims rendering both the double-patenting rejection and the merit rejections moot.

Applicant requests that the Examiner, in his next action, please refrain from quoting applicant's claim language back to the applicant as though that language is found in a reference relied upon, when it clearly is not, and please provide the clear and unambiguous language of the exact portion of the reference relied upon in any rejection, stated clearly in the action. The applicant is legally entitled to have the Examiner's rejection and reasoning clearly stated in the action itself rather than peripherally implied. If there is language in the reference that the Examiner believes equates to a limitation in a claim under examination, the applicant is legally entitled to have the Examiner's reasoning, comparing the language of the reference to the language of the claim, clearly stated in the action, along with the Examiner's explanation for any apparent differences, and how those differences are overcome in the Examiner's view. Without this the applicant is placed at an unfair disadvantage in prosecution.

If there are any time extensions due beyond any extension requested and paid with this amendment, such extensions are hereby requested. If there are any fees due beyond any fees paid with the present amendment, such fees are authorized to be deducted from deposit account 50-0534.

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